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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1122

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

REF: MOGADISCIO 1110

1. SEVERAL INDICATIONS POINT TO CONTINUING RISE IN SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN TENSIONS. ALTHOUGH NO EVIDENCE OF CRISIS OR ABNORMAL ACTIVITY IN MOGADISCIO, NON-OFFICIAL PRESS TAKING INCREASINGLY STRIDENT TONE AND RUMORS OF POSSIBLE HOSTILITIES CIRCULATING MORE FREQUENTLY.
2. LEAD ARTICLE IN ARABIC SECTION OF NON-OFFICIAL WEEKLY L'AVANGUARDIA-HORSEID JULY 27 HEADLINED "WAR IS INEVITABLE." ARTICLE SAYS ETHIOPIA MASSING TROOPS NEAR SOMALI BORDER BECAUSE IMPERIALISTS CANNOT ACCEPT INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN SOMALIA. IT PREDICTS CERTAIN SOMALI VICTORY IN EVENT OF ETHIOPIAN ATTACK.
3. EMBASSY HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT ON SAME DATE (JULY 27) SOMALI MILITARY AND POLICE PLACED ON HIGH STATE OF ALERT WITH ALL LEAVES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SAME SOURCE STATED
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THAT DELEGATION FROM OGADEN LAST WEEK PRESENTED GOVERNMENT

WITH ULTIMATUM -- IF GSDR DID NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO END ETHIOPIAN TROOPS' MISTREATMENT OF LOCAL POPULATION, TRIBAL LEADERS WOULD TAKE MATTERS IN OWN HANDS. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TELLS US OF REPORTS THAT ADDITIONAL SOMALI TROOP UNITS MOVED TO BORDER AREAS IN LAST FEW DAYS. EMBASSY SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE REPORTS. WE SEE NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE OF UNUSUAL MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MOGADISCIO AREA.

4. GSDR OFFICIAL RADIO AND PRESS HAVE NOT ECHOED HORSEID IN "WAR" ARTICLES OR EDITORIALS: THERE NO SIGN OF CONCERTED EFFORT TO PREPARE SOMALI PEOPLE FOR POSSIBLE HOSTILITIES. NEVERTHELESS, SIGNS OF INCREASED TENSION HERE ARE DISTURBING AND MAY REFLECT GROWING PRESSURES ON SIAD FROM MORE MILITANT ELEMENTS. CROMWELL

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